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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 and 3-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Harris, U.S. Pat. No. 6,336,136.

Regarding claim 1, Harris teaches a method in a computer system for distributing user information for registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks (= health information system for tracking of users' health information by the health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58], the method comprising:

providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47];

receiving updates to the user information and generating update user information (= each time the user accesses the weight reduction system, additional information can

be added to the pre-stored profile and stored in the main database) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48]; and

for each of the collection kiosks (= health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5], receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information and sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information (= requesting for health services and information and providing access to health services and information) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58]; and storing the updated user information at the requesting collection kiosk for subsequent requests, wherein the collection kiosks use the update user information to verify whether a user is registered (= storing data on the server) [see Col. 6, Line 62 to Col. 7, Line 19].

Regarding claim 3, Harris further teaches the received update user information includes indications of whether to add a registered user, delete a registered user, or change information relating to a registered user (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47].

Regarding claim 4, Harris further teach a collection kiosk sends a request for the generated update user information once a day [see Col. 2, Line 65 to Col. 3, Line 6 and Col. 6, Lines 9-20].

Regarding claim 5, Harris further teaches the user information includes a user identifier and a password (= user name and password) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38].

Regarding claim 6, Harris teaches a method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information (= health information system for tracking of users' health information by the health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58]:

providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47];

sending a request for updated user information and in response to sending the request, receiving the updated user information (= requesting for health services and information and providing access to health services and information) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58];

updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered (= each time the user accesses the weight reduction system, additional information can be added to the pre-stored profile and stored in the main database) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48]; and

storing the updated user information at the collection kiosk for subsequent requests (= storing data on the server) [see Col. 6, Line 62 to Col. 7, Line 19].

Regarding claim 7, Harris teaches an information collection system (= health information system) [see Abstract and Fig. 5 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58] comprising:

a central computer system for a web site (= health information server), the central computer system providing a repository for the information (= storage of personal history information in the main database) [see Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 12 and Col. 6, Line 62 to Col. 7, Line 19], registering users of the web site and accessing the information (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47]; and

a plurality of collection kiosks (= health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5] for collecting information about users for verifying whether a user is registered at the web site (= verifying user by authentication with user name and password) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38], and for sending the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered (= sending the vital information for the user from the client computer to the server [see Col. 6, Lines 9-20 and Col. 6, Line 62 to Col. 7, Line 19].

Regarding claim 8, Harris further teaches the information is medical information (= tracking of health reading including blood pressure, heart rate and weight) [see Col. 2, Lines 13-36 and Col. 6, Lines 45-52].

Regarding claim 9, Harris teaches a computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site (= health information system for tracking of users' health information by the health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58], the method comprising:

registering the users at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks, determining whether the user is registered at the website (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47]; and

when registered, sending the collected information to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site (= sending the vital information for the user from the client computer to the server [see Col. 6, Lines 9-20 and Col. 6, Line 62 to Col. 7, Line 19] wherein user can access information via the Internet [see Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 12]).

Regarding claim 10, Harris further teaches a collection kiosk automatically sends a request for the generated update user information periodically [see Col. 2, Line 65 to Col. 3, Line 6 and Col. 6, Lines 9-20].

Regarding claims 11-12, Harris further teaches sending a request for updated information is automatic and performed periodically or automatic and performed daily [see Col. 2, Line 65 to Col. 3, Line 6 and Col. 6, Lines 9-20].

Regarding claim 13, Harris further teaches the information comprising medical information specific to the registered users (= upon identification of users by entering user name and password, providing users for accessing to health services and information including weight, height and other vital statistics) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-38 and Col. 5, Lines 30-47] and the central computer system further is for receiving updates to the user information from the collection kiosks and generating update user information (= each time the user accesses the weight reduction system, additional information can be added to the pre-stored profile and stored in the main database) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48]; and for each of the collection kiosks (= health information kiosks) [see Fig. 5], receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information and sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information (= requesting for health services and information and providing access to health services and information) [see Col. 3, Lines 31-48 and Col. 6, Lines 45-58].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris, U.S. Pat. No. 6,336,136 in view of McMillan, U.S. Pat. No. 5,826,267.

Regarding claim 2, Harris does not explicitly teach the collection kiosks operate as FTP clients and the computer system operates as an FTP server.

However, McMillan, in the same field of client-server architecture with information kiosk endeavor, discloses the use of File Transfer Protocol (FTP) known as one of Internet client/server protocol [see McMillan, Col. 2, Lines 1-15]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the implementation of File Transfer Protocol (FTP), disclosed by McMillan, into the system of registry information to collect information from kiosks for storing in the central server disclosed by Harris, in order to enable the user to efficiently upload and download files to and from a remote FTP site over the network such as the Internet.

Other References Cited

5. The following references cited by the examiner but not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- A) Farkas et al, U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. US 2003/0190023 A1.
- B) Peifer et al, U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,519.
- C) Quy, U.S. Pat. No. 6,144,837.
- D) Uchiyama et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,485,415.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE WILL CAUSE THE APPLICATION TO BECOME ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). EXTENSIONS OF TIME MAY BE OBTAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CAR 1.136(A).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3991. The Group fax phone number is (571) 273-8300. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached on (571) 272-4006.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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